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In re Application of

Zheng, et al.

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Electrical Biasing To

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statutory period for response set to expire on April 13, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/6671.Y1/AP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

32. A method of depositing a metal on a substrate having one or more features formed thereon, comprising:

depositing a seed layer over the substrate and the one of more features;